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Dear Mom & Dad,

I got your two letters today - the one from you and the one from Jimmy. Yesterday, we got the doll clothes. Diane was so excited when she opened it, and we both love the outfits! It made me want to grab Diane's doll and play with them myself. The dresses <sup>& pants</sup> are just gorgeous, and they all fit so well - even better than the store ones which are a little too small. I don't see how you did it all so fast. I hope you make more, as it keeps Diane busy for hours at a time.

Your trip into Wisconsin Park sounded like fun. I've never been there, and think it would be fun to go on one of the walks.

Diane is doing just great. She's eating very well, and her



system is all regular again.  
Catherine is over, and they are  
playing Barbies and watching  
television in the guest room.

Sue was over last weekend  
before Mike left, and said Helen  
is through with her temporary  
teaching job. I guess they don't  
plan to come back here this  
fall, but still want to come over  
there for one of Mike's fundraisers.

I got a kit to make Christmas  
tree ornaments, which I enjoy  
doing in the evenings and while  
watching television. They are  
really turning out to be cute,  
and Diane just loves playing with  
each one when it's finished.

Dickie wrote a nice letter, and  
really seems to be busy, and  
having fun. She's taking 2 classes.  
They plan to be here sometime  
in January, ~~so~~ but I don't  
know yet if it will be before we  
leave. Love, Mary